BACKGROUND INFORMATION

	BACKGROUND INFORMATION	7.	Family members include your spouse and anyone of voting age (18 years old and older) who is related to you by blood, marriage, or
1.	Were you a U.S. citizen on November 4, 2008? ☐ Yes ☐ No	_	adoption, and depends on you for more than half of their support. Not counting yourself, how many family members who were at least 18 years old lived with you at your current residence as of November 4, 2008?
2.	What was your age on November 4, 2008? ☐ 17 years old or younger ☐ 18 to 24 years old ☐ 25 to 29 years old ☐ 30 to 34 years old		 ○ 0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4
		8.	Your legal voting residence is the state where
3.	In 2008, were you registered to vote in the U.S.? Yes No		you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the U.S. This right extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain. As of the
4.	On November 4, 2008, how long had you lived outside the U.S.? Less than 1 year 1 year to less than 3 years 3 years to less than 6 years		November 4, 2008 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Please enter the state or territory in the box below.
	6 years to less than 10 years 10 years or more		2008 ELECTION
5.	On November 4, 2008, in what overseas country were you residing? Please enter the name of the country in the box below.	9.	How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 4, 2008? Very interested Somewhat interested Neither interested nor uninterested
6.	On November 4, 2008, how long had you resided in this country? Less than 6 months 6 months to less than 1 year		Somewhat uninterested Very uninterested
	1 year to less than 2 years 2 years to less than 3 years 3 years or more		

10.	A lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, they didn't have time, or something else happened to prevent them from voting. And sometimes, people who USUALLY vote or who PLANNED to vote forget that something UNUSUAL happened on election day this year that prevented them from voting THIS time. So please think carefully for a minute about the election held on November 4, and past elections in which you may have voted, and answer the following questions. During the past 6 years, did you usually vote in national, state, and local elections, or did you usually		j. The absentee voting process was too complicated
11.	not vote? ☐ Usually voted ☐ Usually did not vote During the months leading up to the election held on November 4, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote? ☐ Did plan to vote ☐ Did not plan to vote	14.	[Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely did not vote'] Even though you did not vote, did you request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election? ☐ Yes ☐ No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official ☐ No, and I never received an absentee ballot
12.	In the election held on November 4, did you definitely vote in person on election day,		ABSENTEE BALLOTS
13.	definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election? Definitely voted in person Definitely voted by mail Definitely did not vote Not sure [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely did not vote'] Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? Mark Yes or No for each reason.	15.	[Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] In what month did you first request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election? ☑ July 2008 or earlier ☑ August 2008 ☑ September 2008 ☑ October 2008 ☑ November 2008 ☑ Do not recall
	No	16.	[Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 =
	a. I was not interested in voting		'Yes'] The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election or did you use another method? I used the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) I used another method [Ask if Q16 = 'I used another method'] Please specify your other method.

17.	[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q16 = 'I used the FPCA'] Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.	20.	[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes'] When did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election? ☑ July 2008 or earlier ☑ August 2008 ☑ September 2008 ☑ October 2008 ☑ November 2008
	No		Do not recall
	a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)		[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes'] Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election? ☐ Yes ☐ No [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes' and Q21 = 'Yes"] When did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election? ☐ July 2008 or earlier ☐ August 2008 ☐ September 2008 ☐ October 2008
	[Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] During 2008, did you receive notification from the local election official in the county/ district where you registered to vote that your regular absentee ballot request had been received? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not recall [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?	23.	November 2008 Do not recall
	Yes No	24.	[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q23 = 'Yes'] Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Application (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from the following sources? <i>Mark</i> "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.
			No

a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site.....

	No	VOTING ASSISTANCE				
	b. From some other contact with FVAP		 27. Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to citizens who wish to vote. Embassies and consulates have assigned VAOs to carry out this responsibility. During 2008, did you receive voting information or assistance from an embassy or consulate VAO? ☐ Yes ☐ No 28. [Ask if Q27 = 'Yes'] During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your embassy or consulate Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. 			
			No			
25.	[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q23 = 'Yes'] When did you complete		Yes			
	and return the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot		a. Determining my eligibility to vote			
	(FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election?		b. Understanding the absentee voting process			
	September 2008		c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card			
	October 2008		Application (FPCA)d. Completing the Federal Post Card			
	November 2008		Application (FPCA)			
	Do not recall		e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)			
26	[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 =		f. Completing the Federal Write-In			
_0.	'Yes') and Q23 = 'No'] What is the ONE MAIN		Absentee Ballot (FWAB)			
	REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In		g. Finding information on candidates/issues h. Electronic transmission of election			
	Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election? <i>Mark only one</i> .		materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)			
	I did not know about the FWAB		i. Some other voting information or assistance			
	I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one					
	I knew about it, but could not get one		[Ask if Q28 i = 'Yes'] Please specify other voting information or assistance.			
	I had difficulty filling it out					
	I had already returned a regular absentee ballot					
	Some other reason [Ask if Q26 = 'Some other reason'] Please specify your other reason.	29.	. [Ask if Q27 = 'Yes'] Overall, in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your embassy or consulate Voting Assistance			
			Officer (VAO)?			
			Very satisfied			
			Satisfied			
			Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
			Dissatisfied			
			Very dissatisfied			

30. [Ask if Q27 = 'No'] Did you <u>not</u> receive voting information or assistance from your embassy or consulate Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? *Mark* "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	I did not know I could get information or assistance from the VAO		\boxtimes
b.	I did not have a VAO		\times
c.	I did not know who my VAO was		X
d. e.	I did not know how to contact my VAO My VAO was not available when I needed assistance		
f.	My VAO was not helpful when I needed assistance		
g.	My VAO did not have the materials or information I needed		\boxtimes
h.	I did not need any voting information or assistance		\boxtimes
i.	Some other reason		X

[Ask if Q30 i = 'Yes'] Please specify your other reason.

31. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site, www.fvap.gov provides voting related information and resources. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you visit this Web site?

\times	Yes
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X	No
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32. [Ask if Q31 = 'Yes'] In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, how many times did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site? *Mark one*.

\times	One
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33.	[Ask if Q31 = 'Yes'] Overall, how satisfied or
	dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting
	Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site when you
	visited it in 2008?

34. [Ask if Q31 = 'No'] Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? *Mark* "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	I did not know about it	X	\boxtimes
b.	I did not have Internet access	\times	X
C.	I knew about it, but did not know the Web site address		X
d.	I got all the information I needed from other sources		\boxtimes
e.	I did not think it would be useful	\mathbb{X}	X
f.	Some other reason		X

[Ask if Q34 f = 'Yes'] Please specify your other reason.

35. The Department of Defense 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?

\times	Yes
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36. [Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	From the embassy or consulate Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)		
b.	From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site		
c.	From another Web site on the Internet		\boxtimes

	Ye	No s	39.	sk if Q35 = 'No'] Did you oting Assistance Guide Ilowing reasons? Mark ach item.	(VAG) for any of the
	d. From a CD ROM				No
	e. Some other source				Yes
	[Ask if Q36 d = 'Yes'] Please specify your of source.	her		I did not know about it	
				I knew about it, but could it I got all the information I n another source	eeded from
37.	[Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] During 2008, were you			Some other reason	\square
	looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? M "Yes" or "No" for each item.	lark		sk if Q39 d = 'Yes'] Plea ason.	se specify your other
		No			
	Ye	S			
	a. How to register and vote absentee		40.	ne Federal Voting Assist ovides a toll-free teleph	
	b. Dates of elections and deadlines	$\leq \geq $		any countries that allow	s a caller to ask FVAP
	c. How to fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for your state			aff for voting informatio ou use this service to tal	
	d. Mailing address for Federal Post Card			ember in 2008?	R WILLIAT VAL SLAT
	Application (FPCA) or ballot			Yes	
	e. How to transmit the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or voted ballot by fax f. How to use the Federal Write-In			No	
	Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	\times	41.	sk if Q40 = 'Yes'] Overal	I. how satisfied or
	g. Web site addresses	\times		ssatisfied were you with	the assistance you
	h. Where to go for help	\times		ceived in 2008 when you oting Assistance Progra	
	i. Other type of voting related information	\times		lephone service?	ii 3 (i VAi) toii-ii cc
	[Ask if Q37 i = 'Yes'] Please specify the other	er		Very satisfied	
	type of voting related information.			Satisfied	
				Neither satisfied nor dissa	isfied
				Dissatisfied	
38.	[Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] Overall, how would you			Very dissatisfied	
	the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) a reference on absentee voting procedures		12	sk if Q40 = 'No'] Did you	not use the Federal
	Excellent	i	72.	oting Assistance Progra	
				lephone service in 2008	
	Very good			llowing reasons? <i>Mark</i> ach item.	"Yes" or "No" for
	Good				No
	Fair				
	Poor				Yes
				I did not know about it I knew about it, but I did no	
				was for	
				I knew about it, but I did no	
				telephone number I got all the information I n	

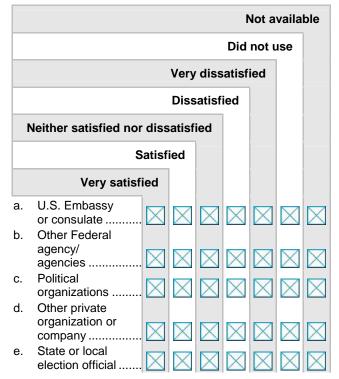
other sources.....

			No
		Yes	
e.	I did not need it	\times	\boxtimes
f.	It was a long-distance call	\times	\times
g.	I could not get through	\times	\times
h.	A toll-free number is not available in my country of residence	X	\times
i.	Some other reason	\times	\times
	sk if Q42 i = 'Some other reason'] Pleas ecify your other reason.	se	

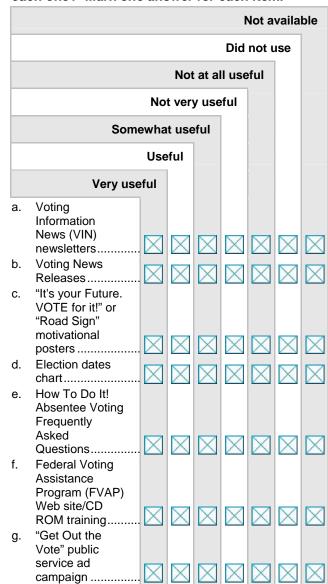
OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

43. If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information?

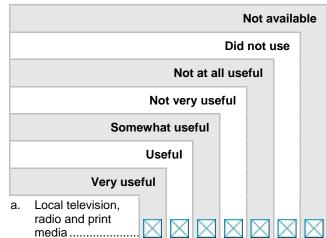
Mark one answer for each item.



44. If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? *Mark one answer for each item.*



45. If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? *Mark one answer for each item*.



	Not available						ble	
					Did	not ι	ıse	
			Not	at a	ll use	ful		
		No	t ver	y use	ful			
	Some	ewha	t use	eful				
		Use	ful					
	Very use	eful						
b.	CNN International		X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes
C.	Armed Forces Radio/TV		X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes
d.	International Herald Tribune		X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	
e.	USA Today International	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes
f.	Other U.S. civilian newspapers,							
	magazines, radio, or TV	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes
g.	Family or friends		X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	X
h.	The Internet	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

46. Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Mark one answer for each item.

		No
	Yes, but not using the FVAP toll-free faxing service	
Ye	es, using the FVAP toll-free faxing service	
a.	Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	
b.	Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot	
c.	Ballot	
d.	Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	
e.	Other voting materials	
_	sk if Q46 e = 'Yes'] Please specify the other ting materials.	r

47. Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials?

Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes
a. b.	Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Non-Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) request for absentee ballot
c.	Ballot
d.	Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
e.	Other voting materials
	sk if Q47 e = 'Yes'] Please specify other ing materials.
	2006 ELECTION

48. Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you -- did you vote in that election?

X Yes

X No

Do not recall

49. [Ask if Q48 = 'Yes'] How did you vote in the November 2006 election?

I voted in person

I voted by absentee ballot

Do not recall

COMMENTS

 In the space below, please provide any comments you have about this questionnaire, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), or the absentee voting process in 2008.